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erms like “undertones,” “balance” and “finish” are typical of wine tastings — but they also apply to any beverage. Last month, three tasters used them to help describe … water.
Not just any water, but water drawn from taps at various city and town halls along the coast. Spurred by a Manalapan commissioner who raised questions about the drinkability of his town’s water, The Coastal Star conducted a WATER TASTE test on page 17

Whose water tastes best?
A Coastal Star tasting ranked tap water of area towns, from best to worst:
1. Boca Raton
2. Highland Beach
3. South Palm Beach/West Palm Beach
4. Lantana
5. Manalapan
6. Ocean Ridge/Boynton Beach
7. Gulf Stream/Delray Beach
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Photo by Tim Stepien

Public water treatments can be a matter of taste
By Steve Plunkett

Vice Mayor Robert Evans offered a totally opposite review at the commission’s late June workshop.
“I notice a difference between 20 years ago and now,” Evans said. “I think our water’s better.”
Mayor Pro Tem Donald Brennan wondered if the town’s aging pipes contributed to the taste of the water reaching DeStefano’s house, one of the farthest from the water plant on the
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Manalapan

Inlet crowds expanding and intruding
By Steve Plunkett

The summer sun is hot, and so are neighbors of the Boynton Inlet. A weekend horde of boaters has invaded their backyards, transforming the once-serene cove off Bird Island into a jumble of booze, bikinis and blaring stereos.
“It’s too loud,” said Manalapan Town Commissioner Louis DeStefano, who lives three doors north of the inlet.
Ken Brown, who lives next to the inlet, gets the brunt of the unwelcome intrusion.
“They swim, snorkel, come under the dock,” Brown told town commissioners at their July 26 meeting. “They actually climb the fence that I put up and jump off the pilings and do back flips and dives.”
Palm Beach County’s recent improvements to Ocean Beach Park’s jetties and the end of construction of a seawall on Bird Island have made the inlet “the place to go to party,” said Andy Klinginsmith, who represents the Ziff family property at the north end of the cove as well as the Bird Island environmental sanctuary.
“We had three or four large boats in there Sunday that just partied up,” Klinginsmith said. “The noise was incredible.”
Brown said he saw a floating bar.
“It goes on sometimes until 6 o’clock in the morning across the waterway,” he said. “I haven’t made any real complaints or anything yet. I guess I’ve been a more sound sleeper lately.”
Crowds are swelling on the ocean side, too:
“The beach at the front of my house right now has become quite an attractive area for a great deal of the high school, college girls, and they’re attracting the college boys,” Brown said. “I don’t even want to go to the beach because it’s just heavily populated.”
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Along the Coast

Associations challenge pets as emotional support
By Arden Moore

There’s a new “breed” of dog unleashing plenty of debate and controversy. Identified as “emotional support animals” or ESA, these dogs are making their way into housing developments in South Florida, even those with no-pets-allowed policies.
Depending on whom you ask, these ESA dogs are regarded as healthy godsend or reviled as unruly rule breakers. But they have the law on their side. And that is making some property managers and condo association board members bark in protest.
Kay Valente created a legal firestorm in the West Lakes Community in Boca Raton when she obtained a “pet prescription” from her neurologist to authorize her dog, Boots, as an ESA dog to help her contend with her seizure disorder for which she wears a medical bracelet. Although the rules of development permit dogs less than 30 pounds. Boots, a Labrador retriever-shepherd mix, weighs 47 pounds.
Despite spending $800 on professional dog training, Valente says she went through a “living hell” from some neighbors and board
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David Shapiro and Lexi II sit on the balcony of their South Palm Beach condo. Lexi has been deemed to be an Emotional Support Animal by Shapiro’s doctor.
Photo by Tim Stepien

Remembering a ‘pirate’
James W. Guckert, a colorful resident of the county pocket, dies. Obituaries, Pages 25-26

Ritz owner tries to reassure town
Lawsuit against hotel’s operator is pending. Page 5

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Morikami exhibition highlights the contributions of women artists to ceramics. Page 18

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Hypoluxo Island home offers sweeping views. Page 30
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Women Lawyers. The award, which recognizes an individual or organization who has demonstrated a commitment to advancing women in the legal profession through their effort, innovation, leadership, was presented by Florida Supreme Court Justice Pariente, which made it even more special, said Brown, who has been a circuit court judge since 1991.

"I didn't expect it. I was overwhelmed and very honored to get it and even more so because it is an award in her name. I really admire her," said Brown, who has mentored young lawyers and students in many ways, including serving as judge and mentor in the Youth Court Program and participating in the Justice Teaching Program in schools.

"I wasn't expecting an award, I just do what I do. I try to spend time mentoring young women and helping them advance in the legal profession. You really have to turn around and help other people climb up," Brown, a Nova Law School graduate and former teacher, explained.

"I want to help them develop, and so to speak, get a seat at the table, which is very tough."

In November, Brown will join a Women's Learning Journey, which will travel to South Africa to explore women's roles in transforming communities there. They will meet women who are legislators, corporate executives and leaders in other areas, along with women who have started fishing groups, knitting groups and other organizations to help their communities.

Brown's time off the bench also includes riding her bike, enjoying the butterflies in her yard (which was given a Native Garden of Excellence award from the Ocean Ridge Garden Club) and visiting her first grandchild, 1-year-old Josephine. She also spends time relaxing at the beach, one of the reasons she moved to Ocean Ridge.

"It is a great community. It is small and most people are here because they like the beach and they are environmentally oriented. People here walk and talk to each other. It is a great place to live," she said.

And of course, there's "nature all around."
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ABOVE: Recreational boaters and snorkelers gather along the north side of Bird Island, where Manalapan residents say their presence can be a nuisance. BELOW LEFT: Gang graffiti painted on the wall along Ken Brown’s property. BELOW RIGHT: A Bird Island visitor jumps from a private fence. Photos by Jerry Lower

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Manalapan

Ritz owner writes to assure town

By Steve Plunkett

The owner of the Ritz Carlton Palm Beach has written to the town trying to dispel any gloom from its $30 million suit against the hotel’s operator.

“I want to assure you that the lawsuit will have no effect on the operation of the hotel, Eau Spa, the La Coquille Club or any related facilities,” Eva Hill, president of hotel owner RC/ PB Inc., wrote Mayor Basil Diamond, town commissioners and La Coquille members on July 11.

The RC/PB group sued Marriott International, its Ritz Carlton subsidiary and Avendra affiliate to get the companies to reduce their fees to levels specified in their contract and to document any additional charges. Hill wrote.

“They continue to, as the lawsuit puts it, treat our hotel as a cash machine that they can use to withdraw money whenever they see fit to do so,” Hill continued.

The amount in dispute is substantial.

“As the lawsuit states, we believe the companies have overcharged us by $30 million over the past five years,” Hill wrote.

Hill noted the ownership group has invested $120 million since buying the Ritz Carlton in 2003 “to make sure that everything about the hotel is world-class.”

Diamond said it was too early to predict the outcome of the legal dispute.

“Will it affect the Ritz Carlton being in Manalapan? I don’t know,” Diamond said.

The mayor said he does not think the lawsuit will affect the annual party the Ritz Carlton hosts for town residents.

“It’s an expense on the hotel, but it’s a minimal expense,” he said.

In her letter, Hill seemed to indicate that was the case.

“While we work out our dispute with Marriott about its corporate practices, our guests will, as I’ve said, find that the mood is ‘business as usual’ at the Ritz Carlton Palm Beach,” she wrote. “The hotel is simply too special a place to allow any sort of cloud to hang over it.”

Town keeps tax rate steady

Manalapan will use a tax rate of 2012 no higher than this year’s — $2.80 per $1,000 of taxable value — even though that will generate almost $186,000 less because property values declined.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf’s budget proposal called for the $2.80 rate, but she recommended town commissioners use the rollback rate, $3.03 per $1,000, which would raise the same total as this year, in case something unexpected happened during budget workshops.

But commissioners agreed the $2.80 rate was enough. The rate cannot be raised at future meetings without mailing each property owner a notice.

The proposal includes a 2 percent raise for town employees, who have been under a salary freeze for three years. It also eliminates one employee, the police support services manager. Dan Koenig, who held that position, will take a vacant police dispatch job, Stumpf said.

The Town Commission will have a budget workshop at 10 a.m. Aug. 18. Public hearings on the budget will be at 5:31 p.m. Sept. 15 and Sept. 26 at Town Hall.

—Steve Plunkett

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Expect to be Spoonfed at new downtown Delray eatery

He’s ba-a-a-ck on Atlantic Avenue, and Glen Manfra can’t wait for the birth of his new baby — that will be Spoonfed. Actually, he’s already in the nursery with a foster child …

**Pop Up …** a moderately priced mixed bill of popular dishes with Italian overtones. The Pop Up baby itself is a fill-in for the failed Atlantic Ocean Club, and sometime in mid-August, it will go out with the bathwater.

Manfra will shed no tears. Spoonfed has an early September due date, and Manfra, who’s nurtured more than a few culinary offspring in the last 25 years, wants it to be his pride and joy.

Some history: Last winter, Larry Lipnick, a Washington, D.C., real estate investor, acquired the three-story space upstairs. Then he and some of the staff turmoil, he shuttered the space on the ground floor, Lipnick hooked up with Manfra, who’d been working in Anguilla but yearned to return to Florida. The Long Island native, who trained in Manhattan, first came to Palm Beach in 1989 to open Bice. Then he and some of the Bice gang hooked up with the heavy-hitting investment team of Revlon boss Ron Perelman and Howard Gittis first to open Amici and then Galaxy Grille in Palm Beach, Lido Mare on Singer Island and Savannahs on Long Island.

Manfra made his first stop in Delray in 2001, cheffing at Sopa, David Manero’s first venture on Atlantic. Manero went on to open Vic & Angelo’s and The Office, both a meatball toss away from Pop Up. Spoonfed, but he and Manfra parted ways.

**Now that the women’s World Cup is over, soccer fans are turning their attention to Boca Raton for a few games, at least.**

magicJack. Boca’s surprise, last-minute franchise in Women’s Professional Soccer, features seven members of the women’s national team, including player and newly named head coach Abby Wambach and goalkeeper Hope Solo (no relation to Han Solo).

manfra’s new owner is as controversial as his players are talented. Palm Beach Dan Borislow bought the Washington Freedom, moved to Boca and renamed it magicJack for the internet telephone device that made him millions. He’s often seen tooting around Palm Beach on his $30,000 Can-Am Spyder RT, a three-wheeled motorcycle. He’s also a fan, and even played the game.

Only three regular season home games remain, all of which will be played at FAU’s soccer stadium.

New Jersey’s Sky Blue Soccer comes to town Aug. 6, led by U.S. National Team player Heather O’Reilly and Swedish player of the year Therese Sjögran. Four days later, it’s the Western New York Flash with four-time world player of the year Marta and Satellite Beach’s own Ashlyn Harris. Expect the largest crowd ever to watch a soccer game in Palm Beach County; magicJack will close out the regular season Aug. 14 against league-leading Philadelphia Independence. For ticket info, go to www.ticketmaster.com.

**While soccer is packing in the crowds at FAU, football season isn’t far away, which raises some questions.**

No. 1: How will the Owls do this year? A: Could be dicey. Head coach and Ocean Ridge resident Howard Schnellenberger says the quarterback is key and hopes to pick one no later than 10 days before the Sept. 3 opener at University of Florida. If they survive the Swamp, they get Michigan State a week later and Auburn two weeks after that.

No. 2: Asked if he had the energy for his 11th season at age 77, Schnellenberger, FAU’s first and only head coach, said, “If I didn’t, I’d already be gone.” Athletic Director Craig Angelos says he won’t make a decision until the season is over.

No. 3: How’s the stadium doing? Still ahead of schedule and under budget, school officials boast. As for specs, it seats 30,000 in the grandstand, 24 suites, 26 loge boxes, 1,000 open-air premier club seats and more than 4,000 priority club seats. Suite, loge and premier club seat holders can relax in an air-conditioned, 8,000-square-foot premier club or a covered, 16,000-square-foot outdoor priority club. By the way, premium seats (not just for fat-cat boosters) are wider.

The student-and-band-only section is in the south end zone. Student tickets are free. Elsewhere, most season tickets are $135 and $150. That covers the entire east stands, north end zone and the west stands to the 5-yard-line at the north end. A seat on the 50 can be had for $385. A seat in Section 205 Row Z will set a die-hard Owl fan back $1,480 while one in Loge 306 C will go for $9,560.

But then, this is Boca. First home game is Oct. 15 against Western Kentucky. The stadium also will play a big role in FAU’s 50th anniversary celebration Oct. 29. Meanwhile, Fanfest on Aug. 20 should offer more answers.

See AVENUES on page 7
Morfogen has some big investors who could make for a star-studded opening: Alonzo Mourning, ex-Miami Heat, Jerome Bettis, ex-Pittsburgh Steelers and still-active hoop stars Chauncey Billups, New York Knicks, and Al Harrington, Denver Nuggets. Chow is one of two dozen chefs from Boca to Palm Beach participating in the March of Dimes’ Sixth Annual Signature Chefs Auction, Sept. 9 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Exquisite wines and spirits, sumptuous samplings from Signature Chefs, and auction dining packages. Call 684-0102.

Heading north. As we reported earlier, Angela Elia, owner of Casas d’Angelo in Fort Lauderdale, Nassau and Boca, had been looking for months for the right spot to bring the Angelo name to Delray. He finally found it just south of Atlantic on Seventh Avenue — the old Carolina’s Coal Fired Pizza space. He hopes to have D’Angelo Trattoria open by summer’s end, with a gelato shop to follow soon after.

As of Monday, Aug. 1, Boston on the Beach is closed. That means Red Sox fans will have to watch the pennant race elsewhere, but it all goes according to plans, Boston sports fans should be able to resume their routine in early November. Owner Ocean Properties has seized the opportunity offered by the late summer doldrums to make major renovations to the popular beachside watering hole: “The whole place is already gutted,” Manager Mark DeAley said two days into the project. “Downstairs will still be like the Boston’s of old, but upstairs will be completely redone, similar to our restaurant in Sunset Key.”

Gone is the Bermuda Inn immediately to the south, but it will be replaced by a new tiki bar and lots more parking. DeAley said the company also is using the time to give Boston’s extensive collection of sports memorabilia “some much-needed TLC.”

“We’re just preparing for the next 30 years,” DeAley said.

When John G’s announced that the restaurant would move to the space formerly occupied by Callaro’s in Manalapan’s Plaza del Mar, Callaro’s kept its name alive by offering a limited takeout menu from its sibling Higgins Crabhouse in Lantana. Owners are looking for a new space in Lake Worth. They found three, but one has already sold. The only hold up for the other two is bank approval, so we could see a new Callaro’s by New Year’s.

John G’s, the landmark eatery torn down in the Lake Worth Casino reconstruction project, is only weeks away from its reopening in its new Manalapan locale.

Wendy Yarbrough, one of the original Giragos family owners, said they’re “really getting into it now. We had a couple of setbacks. We’re having to do a little more than we planned. This is an older building, so we found broken pipes and water in the walls. All that has to be repaired before we can get move forward,” she said.

“We’re projecting a mid-August opening. That’s our target, anyway,” she said.

The former Callaro’s in the Plaza del Mar is being refitted to serve “like we do instead of a steakhouse with more leisurely dining,” she said. Yarbrough said the new place will be brighter, and some décor has been brought from the old beachside place.

“Our customers are going to like it, I’m pretty sure,” she said. “We got rid of the orange upholstery. Time for that to go! But I kept one of the big round tables and put it in a kind of alcove off the main dining room. It’s in honor of my dad. I left eight orange chairs only for that table. My brothers think I’m crazy, but I had to do something to honor Dad.”

“The menu’s the same, though: the same gazpacho, seafood chowder and, of course, the fish and chips.” She’s in the process of calling all her former servers and staff; she thinks the customers want to see familiar faces. “I’m hoping they’ll all come back, but we’ll see.”

While her brothers have talked about serving dinner at the new spot, Yarbrough said they’ll wait to see how breakfast and lunch goes first, then ease into it. “My dad thought it was important to close early enough to have time with the family. But we’re looking into it for a few nights a week, maybe.”

She’s looking forward to finally opening and satisfying all the customers she says call or come by in person to check the progress. “It’s really heartwarming the support we have in the community.” She doesn’t want to let them down.

“I’m a little nervous, sure,” she said. “It was such a big tradition on the beach. We’re used to handling crowds, of course. But this is a new place, and we’ll have to settle in to get back to our pace, and I hope the customers understand that.”
Ocean Ridge
Residents’ generosity acknowledged
By Margie Plunkett
and Mary Kate Leming

What a jolt to Ocean Ridge commissioners, who found a delibritrall at each of their chairs on the day at the start of last night’s town meeting. The brand-new machines weren’t intended as commentary on the liveliness of Ocean Ridge monthly meetings, however. They symbolized the town’s good fortune in receiving not one, but two generous gifts that made possible an abundance of the emergency medical devices a little more interest in the town’s cultural activities and hopefully get residents Albert Naar and Jeff Kelly to the July meeting for their $9,065 contribution to purchase seven Automated External Defibrillators for the Police Department.

The two had discovered the need to replace aging defibrillators, which the department’s annual report. As it turns out, while awaiting delivery of the new AEDs, the town learned it had also been awarded a $9,065 grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase seven defibrillators, and was only one of two agencies to win the award in Florida. With the two donations, the town would have had 14 AEDs—more than one per police car and about one for every 120 residents. It’s more rare for a large donation be made outside that effort, Yannuzzi said. The funds will be used by the department to purchase a Computer Aided Dispatch system for the Police Department from USA Software with a total price of $100,386.

Commissioners at their Aug. 1 meeting approved using $100,000 in 2010/11 budget funds to buy the CAD. The balance is from donations, including Naar’s and Kelly’s. “We have a very generous citizenship that contributes” to police equipment, Yannuzzi said. Most contribute through the fundraising efforts of the Public Safety Support Group.

The 2011-12 budget notes the residents’ donation as being used to help pay for a Computer Aided Dispatch system for the Police Department from USA Software with a total price of $100,386.

The support group raises funds to buy the CAD. The town and Police Department have been working on next year’s budget. The town approved a tentative tax rate of $5.30 per $1,000 of a home’s taxable value at their July meeting, with the intent to lower it, if possible, before final approval.

The rate can be decreased at this stage, but the tax bill must be raised. The current tax rate is $5.15 per $1,000.

South Palm Beach
Cuts to music program may help budget
By Tim O’Meilia

South Palm Beach music lovers will no longer have a choice of two nights to watch their favorite performers, as the town’s arts committee decided to cut the traditional back-to-back performances down to a single night for each artist in its winter music series.

The committee also will concentrate on local talent for both the music and lecture series to cut travel expenses and help put the cultural program in the black.

“Tickets for the music series have been down, so we decided to go to one night instead of two,” said Jeff Stein, co-chair with his wife, Ruth, of the town-sponsored cultural series held in the Town Hall council chambers. “Perhaps this will get the demand up and we can go back to two nights,” Ruth said. She thanked the Council at the last meeting for the decision.

The Steins are adding a musical comedy act and a doo-wop band playing oldies through the ’50s through the ’70s to the five-artist program. Pianist Robert Shalloe and his charade will return, as will soprano Reyna Cargill. “We tried to think outside of the box and hopefully get a little more interest in the program,” she said. The lecture series will continue its two-night per speaker format but concentrate less on world affairs. This year’s six-speaker program includes a one-person Eleanor Roosevelt play as well as talks of the upcoming presidential campaign.

The cultural series was calculated to lose $7,000 this year after factoring in honoraria, travel expenses and ticket sales in a $44,900 budget. The proposed 2012 ledger forecasts a $1,000 profit on a $19,500 budget. The savings would help reduce the budget proposed by Town Manager Rex Taylor by 9.3 percent to $17.1 million.

Council members voted unanimously to hold the tax rate at the same level as this year: $4.32 for each $1,000 of taxable property value. But because property values have dropped again, a typical condominium owner who was paying less in town taxes. The owner of a $100,000 home with a $500 homeowner’s exemption would pay about $215 in town taxes. The rate does not include fire district, school, Palm Beach County or other property taxes.

For the fourth year in a row, town employees will not receive raises. In fact, the town’s bottom line will benefit by more than $63,000 as a result of the Florida Legislature’s decision to require public employees to pay 3 percent of their salaries toward their pension. Previously, the town paid for 100 percent of the pension cost. The budget was reduced another $22,000 because the maintenance employee works part-time only. The town anticipates spending $15,000 more in legal fees for negotiations with the police union. The Police Benevolent Association. The town and the newly formed police bargaining unit have had two meetings but no contract has been proposed yet.

When still operates in September, the town will dip into its $2.4 million in reserves for $58,000 to balance the budget for the year the town anticipated spending $175,000 in reserves.

In other business, the Town Council:
• Set public hearings for the budget Sept. 7 and Sept. 20 at 6:45 p.m., with adoption of the budget and final budget and audit.
• Changed the council meeting dates in November and December to Nov. 15 and Dec. 19, a Monday.

Department veteran says goodbye to island police work
By Emily J. Minor

After 34 years as a cop, 22 of them with Ocean Ridge, Sgt. Daniel Tinfina is saying goodbye to law enforcement — and he’s doing it with a tear in his eye.

Sure, he’s a tough guy. Chief Chris Yannuzzi says Tinfina is his police-training specialist, his “by-the-book” guy. But even tough guys get emotional when they leave something they love.

“It’s a tough decision,” says Tinfina, 56, whose last day is scheduled for Sept. 1. “You develop such personal relationships, so when you make that decision and you know you’re not going to continue your career. ‘My retirement from law enforcement is final,’ he said.

Nothing’s wrong. Everyone’s healthy, and he’s leaving on a high note. Tinfina says it’s time to put family first, finally. He and his wife, Rosemary, have two sons, ages 13 and 16. “It will be nice,” says Tinfina, who is taking a private security job that will allow him to have his family off. “Law enforcement is one of the worst jobs there is as far as the quality of family time goes.”

A native of Ohio — born in Cleveland and raised in the small town of Macedonia, near Akron — Tinfina attended the police academy in 1977, when he was a young man in his early 20s. He and Rosemary moved to Florida, and Tinfina worked for Greenacres from 1980 to 1984. When his wife grew homesick for family, they returned to Ohio. Moving home, they found, is a sure way to cure homesickness.

The family returned to Florida and, again, Tinfina worked for Greenacres — a city of 35,000 with real urban issues. It was a metro police job, where he reacted to almost constant calls, Tinfina said.

“When you’re young and you just out of the academy, you want to go from fight call to fight call,” he says. But age changes everything. In 1989, as Ocean Ridge was redesigning its public safety department amid a bit of a controversy, Tinfina got hired as part of Chief Bruce Schroeder’s new team.

Immediately, Tinfina, a small town boy himself, fell in love with community policing. For 19 of his 22 years, Tinfina was also an officer in Briny Beach; he had long hired Ocean Ridge for its police protection, except for a small three-year respite.

And it was on a seemingly quiet Sunday morning in January 1990 that Tinfina and Officer Ronald Inman came upon the most horrific crime of their careers.

Horrible, even by big city standards.

On that quiet winter morning, in a town where even a car burglary is big news, John Raymond Wall attacked three residents with a sledgehammer, bludgeoning one of them so badly she never fully recovered. Inman and Tinfina would later receive broad accolades for how they handled the case.

It was a morning Tinfina never forgot. “It’s not something you expect,” he says, simply.

What he did come to expect, through the years, was this comforting nature of island police work. Sure, he carries a gun. Sure, there could be a John Raymond Wall around any corner. But being a cop along this stretch of coastline requires more grit than gruffness. You know most of the guys who carry biscuits for the dogs, right?”

Tinfina knows when the Smiths are gone for the summer, and can receive a call to get back. He knows all their kids’ names, what their cars look like, where they park. “You’re dealing with the same people on a daily basis,” Tinfina says.

And that makes the goodbyes even harder.
Gulf Stream/Delray Beach

Delray votes to raise Gulf Stream fire fees

By Steve Plunkett

Delray Beach will charge the Town of Highland Beach about $38,000 a year extra for fire-rescue service to Ballantrae condominiums, the 4001 North Ocean project and other recently annexed areas.

Delray Beach city commissioners voted 3-1 to raise Gulf Stream’s annual fee for almost 12 percent of $353,321 from the previously agreed-upon $315,580 which already was $15,035 more than the town paid this year.

The project was decided to make the increase effective March 15, the date of the annexation.

“I think we’re being as equitable as we can possibly be,” Delray Beach Mayor Woodie McDuffie said at the Aug. 2 meeting.

Gulf Stream annexed the unincorporated county pocket in March, bringing 16.6 acres and at least 90 registered voters into the town. The pocket is assessed as a taxable contingent of snowbirds.

Gulf Stream’s population was 786 in the 2010 Census, taken before the annexation came.

The first year’s and the first full year’s fire-rescue increase will not be due until Dec. 2012, after Gulf Stream collects and assesses the property taxes directly from the annexed area.

The properties are part of the county’s Gulf Stream Shores, a 1,687-home condo.

Gulf Stream commissioners still have to accept the increase.

Delray Beach funds three-fourths of its $2.9 million fire contract with Gulf Stream. The city would have to accept the increase.

The rest comes from Gulf Stream; Highland Beach, which will pay the city $2.96 million to protect its 4,300 residents; and ambulance fees.

Also Aug. 2, Delray Beach commissioners accepted a $985,992 Homeland Security grant to pay the salaries of four firefighters/paramedics for two years at Station 2, which serves Gulf Stream.

That station’s fire engine has not been fully staffed like the city’s other engines, meaning it had to wait for firefighters from the other stations.

According to Assistant Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Chief, Russ Accredio, the reimbursement is currently staffed from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday - Friday. With the new grant, “the ambulance will be staffed 24-hours, seven days a week,” he said.

The grant stipulates that Delray Beach must pay at least the third year of the four salaries.

County retains tax revenues from ‘pocket’ until 2012

By Steve Plunkett

Town police have patrolled Gulf Stream for 11 years now, ever since annexation of the one-unicorporated pocket took effect March 15.

Delray Beach, which contracts out fire-rescue service to the town, has answered calls for help.

But Gulf Stream has not received a penny of property taxes to pay for the additional workload.

Town Manager William Thrasher has been negotiating with Palm Beach County — which owns the land and pays the taxes that pocket residents have paid.

“They are not very cooperative at this point,” Thrasher said.

And he will have to keep asking the county to share the tax revenues in the coming budget year.

Pocket residents are still on the county’s tax roll and won’t be placed on Gulf Stream’s roll until Jan. 1.

Thrasher has estimated the pocket will generate about $200,000 in property taxes in 2012, but he could not include that sum in the budget he proposed for fiscal 2012.

He recommended that commissioners adopt a tax rate of $2.93 for each $1,000 of taxable value, which would raise the same total dollars as the previous year.

“I want to clearly state, I do not believe that number is high,” Thrasher said.

In the previous year, the pocket was $2.87 per $1,000 of taxable value. Gulf Stream’s total taxable value dropped 2 percent, from $667.7 million to $652.8 million, Thrasher said.

The annexed pocket, bordered by Sea Road on the south, County Road on the west, St. Andrews Club on the north and the ocean, will add about $69 million to the town’s tax base.

Even though the consumer price index rose 3.9 percent, Thrasher predicted town workers only 2.5 percent. His proposal also includes an additional $15,035, or 5 percent, for a scheduled increase in the fire contract with Delray Beach.

Commissioners rescheduled their next meeting for 9 a.m. Aug. 16 and 4 p.m. Sept. 15. They will hold public hearings on the budget at 5:01 p.m. Sept. 15 and Sept. 22.

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Study requested before changing restaurant incentives

By Margie Plunkett

The restaurant sector has retained its place on Delray Beach’s most-wanted list.

The commission unanimously turned down an ordinance that would require restaurants from some Atlantic Avenue restaurants that would have doubled the parking they’re required to supply as well as boosted costs. The panel called for study of the issue, noting that it was “a hot potato” for one that impacted such an important segment of the city’s business.

The ordinance was intended to eliminate not only entertainment but to encourage retail and diversity of use on Atlantic Avenue, Planning and Zoning Director Paul Dorling said, “This incentive has been extremely successful.”

A targeted business once wooed by the city, restaurants have multiplied to the point of saturation in downtown, according to some estimates.

Proliferation of restaurants led Delray Beach leaders and staff to consider withdrawing the parking incentives used as lures to attract restaurants since 1993.

But Steve Cohen, among the voices of investors, restaurateurs and residents at the public hearing Aug. 2, thought otherwise. “It provides an economic incentive,” he said.

If the city passed the ordinance, it would lose the project that he and a tenant together will have run for a year — as well as the 75 jobs it would have created.

Proponents said removing incentives would not stop restaurants from moving to Delray Beach. “They might not go to Cluster 4, but they will go somewhere,” said Fran Marincola.

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Users of old Boynton high school building will encounter big cost

By Angie Francalancia

Woolbright U-Gas, one of the rare gas stations that still offers auto service, is closing, soon to be replaced by a PNC Financial Services branch. PNC has signed a 20-year lease for the land with Anagnostakis Inc., the family-owned corporation that has owned and operated Woolbright U-Gas, on the corner of South Federal Highway and Southeast 15th Avenue, since 1991. PNC will build a 3,300-square-foot branch with three drive-through lanes on the property. The Planning and Development Board of Boynton Beach recommended approval for the bank’s site plan late last month. It goes before the Boynton Beach City Commission on Aug. 16.

The change doesn’t mean the Anagnostakis family won’t be serving the community’s cars, though. It just means George Anagnostakis, who grew up in the gas station business alongside his father, won’t have to run between two business locations. George Anagnostakis is down the street from the U-Gas location at Chuck’s Auto Repair at 520 Industrial Ave.

“We bought Chuck’s Auto Repair because we knew in the future what this property would be worth,” he said. “For my father, now he can retire,” George Anagnostakis said. Mihail “Michael” Anagnostakis, his wife, Angeliki, and three children, moved to South Florida in 1973. He opened his first service station in Broward County. A machinist by trade, Michael Anagnostakis always offered auto service at his stations, even after business trends eliminated most mechanics from modern gas stations. The senior Anagnostakis stopped working on cars in 1998, but by that time, son George could repair anything.

“I grew up in the gas station business,” George Anagnostakis said. “I worked from the age of 7 years old. Every Saturday I was washing windows for tips. Everything I learned as a mechanic, I learned from him,” he says of his father. George’s sister, Katina, has been the one greeting customers behind the counter for the past couple years.

The date of the station’s closing is not set, as PNC has about 12 months to spend $4 million to $5 million for renovations.

To entice prospective parties, staff suggested that the city might begin “immediate” engineering and architectural design services to stabilize the building’s core and shell. “By doing so,” the staff wrote, “the city shows commitment to the project.”

Estimated cost: $250,000. Furthermore, the staff recommends that the city offer to waive and pay up to $100,000 in fees, such as building permits.

Commissioners pounced. Pay to stabilize the building, or waive the fees, they seemed to agree, but not both. “The question,” said Mayor Jose Rodriguez, “is how do we incentivize them to spend four to five million.”

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Family-owned gas station giving way to a new PNC branch bank

By Ron Hayes

How do you persuade someone to spend about $5 million? Commissioners pondered the question at their July 5 meeting as they heard a staff report on the future of the historic 1927 Boynton Beach High School building.

The city has made clear its interest in seeing the 28,000-square-foot landmark on Ocean Avenue preserved and renovated. Now they must prepare a “request for proposals,” in essence a statement to potential buyers that details just what’s being offered.

At the meeting, interim City Manager Lori LaVerriere brought commissioners the results of a monthlong analysis of the school’s potential uses.

First, she said, the city staff recommends limiting the building’s use to either an educational or banqueting theme; a multi-tenant model with a single landlord leasing space for individual offices, or a multi-based use with arts and culture as the common theme.

Staff also recommends that the school be offered either for sale or lease, with the vacant lot to the west of the building, along Seacrest Boulevard, included as potential parking space.

But it was the money that got commissioners talking.

Anyone who buys or leases the building would have to clean the property after they bought it. The city would have to pay to stabilize the building, or waive the fees, they seemed to both agree, but not both.

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Boynton Beach
Lantana Town wants old bridge to have future under water
By Tim O’Mellia

From bridge to rubble … to reef? Maybe, if financing can be found.
The town of Lantana is trying to persuade county officials to spend an additional $300,000 and use the crumbled parts of the soon-to-be demolished Ocean Avenue Bridge as an artificial reef.
Lantana doesn’t have the cash, but Town Manager Michael Bornstein wants Palm Beach County to take on the extra expense.
“We are going to encourage the County Commission to keep the old bridge in Lantana,” Bornstein said, to encourage a thriving fishing habitat.
The extra cost may be possible since bids for the bridge came in lower than expected July 12 — the highest just above $29 million, below the previously estimated $32 million cost.
The contract is on schedule to be awarded Sept. 13.
The cost of the two-year project to replace the 61-year-old bridge includes a $500,000 fishing pier that will run beneath the west end of the bridge and protrude into the waterway.
Preliminary work is scheduled to begin Dec. 1, but the bridge will not be closed for demolition until mid-March.

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make a selection. The panel must appoint a new commissioner by Aug. 16 or, if not successful, hold a special election.
The following submitted applications for the vacant seat by the July 29 filing deadline: Jay Alperin, Patricia Langley Archer, Jason Döllard, Kelli Freeman, Al Jacquet, George Kallai, Jayne Alperin, Patricia Langley Archer, Al Jacquet, George Kallai, Jayne Alperin, Christina King, Kurt Lehmann, Christina Morrison Pearce, David Stein and Shelly Weil.
• The city approved a proposed tax rate of $7.19 per $1,000 of taxable property value, the same as last year. The city can still lower the rate, but can’t increase it as it works to finalize its budget.
• In recommending the rate, City Manager David Harden said his objective is to reduce the rate to $7.15 and make up the balance with a fire services assessment. Negotiations were authorized July 12 with Burton & Associates to study a fire services assessment in Delray Beach. Burton bid $35,000.

Hot Properties for August

3BD/2BA Waterfront Pool Home
Hypoluxo Island Short Sale
Great opportunity for waterfront home with 85 ft of water frontage and private dockage.
Large fenced yard has mature trees, heated pool.
CBS home has split bedroom plan,MBRM and living areas open to spacious patios, pool and entertaining areas.
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3BD/3BA Waterfront with Private Dock
Hypoluxo Island Pool Home
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Large, fenced yard leads to private deep-water dock with boat lift.
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4BD/4.1BA Point Lot in
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Over 200 ft Water Frontage on 1/3 Acre
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Private dockage. Guests membership to Ritz-Carlton Hotel’s La Coquille Club and beach/pool facilities.
A private, luxury oasis on the point in Manalapan.

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Serene Privacy with Sunset Water Views
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Guests membership to Ritz-Carlton Hotel’s La Coquille Club and beach/pool facilities.

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East-facing water views from the moment you enter the home.
Spacious layout with new, custom eat-in kitchen that opens to Family Room.
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4BD/2.5 WA w/2-Car Garage
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Cozy and entry home with gorgeous custom Kitchen, large family room, formal living and dining rooms. Access to patio, large fenced yard from Master Suite and family rooms.
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Gerry Pagano is the kind of guy you’d like to meet at a party when the conversation turns to “What do you do for a living?” His career has taken him from the cockpit of an Army helicopter in Vietnam to the controls of Palm Beach County’s air ambulance program. In between, Pagano spent several years directing commercial jets through the crowded air space above South Florida’s three major airports.

In other words, he’s got some great stories to tell.

These days, Pagano helps save the lives of accident victims and others who need an airlift to the hospital. As the director of medical transport and aeromedical facilities for the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, he keeps the county’s Trauma Hawk medical transport program running safely and efficiently. He also regularly pilots the helicopters.

Pagano played a key role in setting up the nonprofit medical transport program in the early 1990s. He helped obtain its air carrier operating certificate, purchase its two Sikorsky S76-C+ air ambulances, and spearhead construction of the Trauma Hawk hangar facility at Palm Beach International Airport.

Under his leadership, the aeromedical program has provided care and air transport services for an estimated 12,000 traumatically injured or ill patients.

“It is very moving when someone who was severely injured and transported by Trauma Hawk visits our facility later to thank us for the care they received,” says Pagano.

Each Trauma Hawk flight crew includes at least one instrument-rated pilot, a Florida-licensed registered nurse who is also a state-certified paramedic, and an additional state-certified paramedic.

Critically injured patients are flown to one of Palm Beach County’s two trauma centers: St. Mary’s Medical Center or Delray Medical Center.

Now in his 21st year with the Trauma Hawk program, Pagano is proud of the team he has hired and trained.

“This is definitely a team effort,” he says. “We have respect for one another and for the risks inherent in our jobs. That’s why our motto is Safety First.”

Pagano, 61, lives in coastal Delray Beach with his wife of three years, Karen Pagano (owner of Glimpse Eyewear in the city’s Pineapple Grove district) and their little dog, a Maltese named Jake.

--- Paula Detwiller ---

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?
A. I attended Durham High School in Durham, Conn., and after graduating went on to the University of New Haven until leaving for military service. Durham is a typical small friendly town where family, friends and community are most important. Growing up in the small town environment is certainly one of the factors affecting my decision to live here in Delray Beach.

Q. How did you become involved in the Health Care District’s Trauma Hawk program?
A. I was employed with Fire Rescue when the Health Care District’s Trauma Hawk program was getting started. My experience and background qualified me for a pilot position and of course I accepted this opportunity with enthusiasm.

Q. What’s your favorite part of the work you do?
A. Flying, and in particular, helicopters, is a wonderful occupation. When combined with life-saving air medicine, the personal feeling of accomplishment is tremendous. I couldn’t think of a more rewarding career. And while all the responsibilities of the job are extremely fulfilling, the life-saving aspect takes priority in my heart.

Q. What other careers have you had, and what were the highlights?
A. I did military service in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot with a tour in Vietnam. I later helped my father set up and operate a sewing factory in Connecticut.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. Unfortunately, my dad passed away when I was fairly young, 38, but he had a tremendous effect on me. Although he was tough at times, he had a way to get things done and make everyone feel great about the smallest accomplishments. He was also an extraordinary problem-solver in his field, and I watched him resolve problems often that I would never have thought possible.

This has always inspired me to never give up no matter how daunting the task.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A. Earl Nightingale’s quote, “We become what we think about.” When it comes to setting and reaching goals, I don’t know of a more powerful statement.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Delray Beach?
A. I had the desire to move to Florida and after visiting Delray, I decided this was where I wanted to be. I moved here in 1988.

Q. What is your favorite part about living and working in this area?
A. Each day when I come home from work, I truly feel like I’m on vacation.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?
A. My wife, Karen! I also get a kick out of Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers on the Saturday morning Car Talk radio program.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?
A. Harrison Ford, who’s not only a good actor but also a helicopter pilot.

The pride I felt from delivering a clothing product that was the best in the business was what I most enjoyed. I also worked as an air traffic controller for the FAA’s Air Route Traffic Control Center in Miami. I enjoyed the action and excitement of controlling fast-moving aircraft in a relatively small area and holding a conversation with 20 airline captains at the same time.

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Gary Pagano sits with his dog Jake and a model of a Trauma Hawk helicopter. Photo by Tim Stepien

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Budget direction aims to reward employees, restore fireworks

By Margie Plunkett

By Tom Deringer.

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Mayor David Stewart’s son was arrested July 22 on charges of battery and resisting an officer after the two wrestled over a set of car keys in the driveway of the mayor’s home.

Stewart said he didn’t want his son, David Stewart II, to take the car because he was not taking required medications for an ongoing condition. The younger Stewart, who turned 22 the day after his arrest, was reportedly subdued by police using a stun gun.

—young Stewart arrested

Some residents and council members questioned the fireworks display. “A lot of people turned out for fireworks displays we did not have,” said council member Cindy Austino. “We need a celebration for everyone.”

Mayor David Stewart of the Guardian Angels argued that the fireworks are a display of caring that helps residents come together and shake off the depressing economy. It is depressing and embarrassing that Lantana didn’t have a fireworks display when other towns did. Kennedy did, however, agree to suggestions that the town could find other ways to pay for it than the town coffers — for instance, through contributions.

Cognizant that an employee raise would add to budget expenses for years to come, Town Council is exploring giving all employees a one-time payment — the amount of $1,000 was discussed — to bolster salaries this year. Employee cost of living increases on the current budget would cost about $135,000.

“We get tremendous value out of the work of our employees,” said Town Manager Michael Bornstein. A 3 percent salary increase for employees in the lower wage scale was important, Austino said. “That could be the difference between paying a bill, buying things for their children. The higher-paid employees are not in the same circumstances as the lower-paid employees.”

Austino, like others, cautioned that before council decided to increase wages, it would have to take into consideration how it would pay for them next year.

One-time payments of $1,000 each to employees would result in a cost to the town of $72,000, according to council member Tom Deringer. “That’s my proposal. It helps every employee.”

Whether employee raises are on a sliding scale of percentages based on income level or they are a one-time payment, Mayor David Stewart said, “They do deserve something. They’ve been working very hard.”

The fireworks and employee cost of living allowance were two of several items Bornstein presented to council for guidance as their work progresses on paring down the budget. “We came to you early in the process to say we’ve hit the wall. Raise taxes, make budget cuts or dip into reserves,” Bornstein said. “I need that direction.”

Among items council favored were three police cars ($101,000), road-paving projects ($195,000), computer equipment/software ($51,050) and fireworks ($35,000). Spending hopefuls that didn’t gain council support were $14,000 for a bridge-closing project ($195,000), computer equipment/software ($51,050) and fireworks ($35,000). Spending hopefuls that didn’t gain council support were $14,000 for a bridge-closing project and $17,000 for fencing at the police station.

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“that’s the bottom line,” said Finance Director Stephen Moorhouse. “Everything else is on a sliding scale of circumstances as the lower-employees are not in the same situation.”

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DeStefano tempered his remarks the following day, saying Manalapan's water is "safe," but not to his liking. Commissioners routinely drink bottled water at their meetings.

Manalapan and Highland Beach are two coastal communities with their own water plants. Coastal Boca Raton and Delray Beach draw from large municipal plants on the mainland. Smaller towns rely on contracts with nearby municipalities.

Boynton Beach, for instance, charges Ocean Ridge the same as in-city customers under a 1931 agreement that separated the coastal town from what was then the town of Boynton. The city also provides water, at a 25 percent outside-the-city surcharge, to Briny Breezes and the county pocket that Gulf Stream annexed this year. The rest of Gulf Stream gets its water from Delray Beach, redistributed under a complicated fee structure with more than 30 categories, each with four rate tiers.

South Palm Beach pays a 25 percent nonresidential surcharge as well for service from West Palm Beach. The town must also obey once-a-week lawn-watering restrictions West Palm Beach ordered in June to save dwindling water reserves and ward off saltwater intrusion.

Manalapan gives Hypoluxo, on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway, a relative nonresidential bargain, imposing only a 20 percent surcharge. Hypoluxo customers outnumber town water customers almost 2-to-1.

Highland Beach water is all the product of reverse osmosis, in which brackish water from the 1,200-foot-deep Floridan Aquifer is forced through membranes to remove the salt. Because the town uses no water from the shallower and more drought-sensitive Biscayne Aquifer, it is not subject to lawn-watering restrictions.

A town having its own water supply is no guarantee of taste or reliability. Highland Beach, for example, had a pipe burst inside its plant on July 5, causing the town to shut its system and connect to Delray Beach’s for 12 hours of repairs. A leaking pipe flange caused a similar disruption for a couple hours July 22. “We were getting quite a few calls,” Public Works Director Jack Lee told Highland Beach commissioners when the pipe burst. “The water that we get from Delray is perfectly safe, it’s potable water. It does have a little yellow tint to it, and that’s because they don’t have a reverse-osmosis water plant like we do.”

Earlier in that day’s commission meeting, resident Lou Stern also commented on Highland Beach’s water. “Even though the water and the reports on the water are totally wonderful, most people that I know drink bottled water. They do not like the taste [of municipal water], they do not like the smell,” Stern said.
WATER TEST

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blind taste-test to determine whether he was all wet.

Waters were judged on appearance, aroma and taste. The testers’ consensus? Manalapan’s water is pretty bad, but not the worst around. Gulf Stream, which gets its water from the Delray Beach water supply, took that prize. Boca Raton’s won by only a few drops.

Asher White and Jay Simpson, co-owners of Dolce Vita wine shop in Lake Worth, and Anne Marie Jeffrey, a Boynton Beach environmental science student specializing in water, judged the water.

Eight samples — one a “control” sample entered twice — were collected from each town hall in glass jars, labeled with a random three-digit code, and poured for the tasters into identical plastic cups.

Tasters sniffed, swirled, held the glasses up to the light and then tasted — swishing the water in their mouths before swallowing.

The results?

Boca Raton’s water was deemed most “easy to drink” with the highest score of 83 on a 100-point scale.

Deemed the worst, Delray Beach’s water scored only 46. Our water-collector was told to “let the water run” from the tap at Gulf Stream Town Hall, because it could be stale in the pipes. No one at Town Hall knows for sure.

Seven other scores were given, each between 57 and 82. The sampled towns were not revealed until the tasting was concluded.

How did the waters perform?

The aroma had “dirty undertones” that were off-putting, he said. Compared to all the others, Jeffrey called this water “horrible.” A “lot of chlorine” is used in it, he thought. “You can smell the chlorine,” too, she said.

Ocean Ridge’s water (which is partly sourced from Boynton Beach) “tastes of chlorine and plastic,” Jeffrey said. White called it “metallic,” and Simpson found it had “a hint of plastic on the back end.”

Highland Beach, with a score of 82, was only one point away from tying with the winner. It was Simpson’s favorite; he said it had a “very clear appearance, with no smell. Maybe a tiny bit of plastic taste at the end. All in all, quite good.” White noted some “sediment, but clarity” in the glass. He found this sample’s taste “very salty” with a “kind of manufactured aroma.” Jeffrey thought the clarity “good,” but the taste “mediocre.”

Boca Raton’s water, at 83, was Simpson’s favorite, though he noted “some particles” in the sample. “It has a bit of salt and savory flavor, and some minerality” and he found that pleasant. White noted the clarity, but also the “dull finish,” “no sparkle,” he said. This one is “easy to drink,” and “fresh” tasting, he said. Jeffrey said and noted the nose had some “limestone; mild minerals” in it. He called it the “most balanced of all the waters.” Jeffrey called the clarity “pretty good,” with a “disinfected, acidic smell — almost like reverse osmosis.” He noted a slight “aftertaste.”

While the test was purely subjective, the tasters took their jobs seriously, giving time and thought to the samples before scoring. All commented on the differences that were, to them, easily discernable.

You can definitely taste differences,” Simpson said. He was a student of cooking teacher Peter Kump at the James Beard Cooking School and co-owns Dolce Vita.

White, a wine aficionado, frequently conducts wine tastings at Dolce Vita, following the same format as the water test.

Jeffrey has tasted hundreds of waters and continues to learn about it as part of her studies of the environment. All said they drink filtered or bottled water — nothing directly from a municipal tap.
The Caldwell Theatre has six new shows opening Aug. 10, the world premiere in 2010 for GableStage’s Blasted, is making his debut at the Caldwell. Also in the show, directed by Clive Cholerton, are familiar South Florida acting faces Gregg Weiner, Natasha Sherritt and David Perez-Ribada.

Six Years opens Aug. 10 and runs through Sept. 4 at the Caldwell at 7901 N. Federal Highway in Boca Raton. Shows are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees Wednesday and Sunday. Tickets range from $38-$50, or just $30 for students with ID. Call 241-7432 or visit www.caldwelltheatre.com.

This month, the Boca Raton Playhouse moves to the next 25 years with a production of Six Years, a play by Shar White whose five scenes take a look at American history through the device of a marriage, seen first in 1949, and continuing in six-year intervals through 1973. Six Years premiered in March 2006 at the Humana Festival of New American Plays in Louisville, Ky.

Six Years opens with the return of Phil Granger, a World War II veteran, to his Missouri hometown, six years after he left for the war. His wife, Meredith, and family have not heard from him since 1944, but she has waited for him, and they try to pick up where they left off. The following scenes explore the rise of suburbia, the Kennedy years, the turmoil of the late 1960s, and the return of POWs from the Vietnam War.

Cast in the show are Margery Lowe as Meredith and Todd Allen Durkin as Phil. Durkin, a Carbonell Award winner in 2010 for GableStage’s Blasted, is making his debut at the Caldwell. Also in the show, directed by Clive Cholerton, are familiar South Florida acting faces Gregg Weiner, Natasha Sherritt and David Perez-Ribada.

Also this month: Keith Paulson-Thorp’s music series at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Delray Beach wraps its 2010-11 season on Aug. 21, with a concert by Camerata della Re, the church’s resident Baroque music ensemble. It’s an all-German program featuring 17th- and 18th-century music by J.C.F. Fischer, Ernst Eichner, Heinrich Schütz, Samuel Scheidt, Karl Toesch, Johann Adolf Hasse, Friedrich Wilhelm Rust and Johann Rosenmüller. Tickets for the 4 p.m. concert are $18 and $15. Call 278-6003 or visit www.stpaulsdelay.org.

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Along the Coast

New and old technologies contribute to storm readiness

By Steve Pike

The saying “Technology is great as long as it works,” couldn’t be more true than in the aftermath of a devastating storm or hurricane.

How do you spell relief? T-E-X-T. Indeed, texting might seem the bane of Western civilization to some people, but it could provide valuable information and even save lives in a post-hurricane environment.

The reason is as simple as stocking up on extra supplies during Florida hurricane season. That is, according to Kelly Layne Starling, spokesperson for AT&T’s south and west Florida markets, text messages go through faster than regular phone calls because they don’t take up as many network resources as a regular phone call.

“Texting has become such an important part of people’s lives, this is just one more example,” Starling said.

That includes citizens and emergency workers. The Ocean Ridge Police Department, for example, recently acquired cell phones that use text messaging.

“With text messaging you have a better chance of getting through the storm,” said Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi, who has worked through hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004 and Wilma in 2005. “I wouldn’t endorse any one product (his department uses Verizon), because a lot of it depends on how quickly the towers can be repaired, even temporarily.”

While texting certainly is nothing new to most people, it ranks down on the list of post-storm communications alternatives. According to a Sachs/Mason Dixon poll released this past June, only 8 percent of Americans said they would rely on text messaging.

“Actually, when it comes to local ham radio operators and emergencies, there is nothing amateur about them. Members of the Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association (www.goldcoastrc.com) help at Red Cross shelters and hospitals. Each member, according to BRARA President Nelson Winter of Hypoluxo, is trained in Amateur Radio Emergency Service by the Amateur Radio Relay League. ARES members also take courses taught by the Federal Emergency Management Administration, which teaches each one where he or she fits into the federal management system.

“What we do is coordinate communications, but can’t communicate directly with the county’s Emergency Management System,” Winter said. “What we do is coordinate communications of last resort. So when the telephones stop working and communications systems aren’t working, they (shelters and hospitals) can still communicate using an assigned amateur field operator.”

The field operator, Winter said, communicates directly to the county’s Emergency Operations Center. People who have radio scanners can listen in on the communications, but can’t communicate directly with the operator.

“When we get notice, we have all of our equipment ready to go,” Winter said. “We know what we’re supposed to do when we arrive and we know where we’re supposed to fit into the paradigm of the emergency management system.”

AT&T’s TerreStar Genus phone is billed as the world’s first integrated satellite and cellular smartphone. Photos provided

Globalstar’s GSP-1700 satellite phone sells for around $499.

Inmarsat’s IsatPhone Pro is priced at around $549.

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Bethesda Next’s Lite Bites Event
Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Boynton Beach

Tandy Robinson, Sean and Michelle Donahue and Stacey Hallberg were guests at Bethesda Next’s Lite Bites Event held July 13 at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach. More than 100 guests enjoyed the evening with ‘dinner by the bite’ from area restaurants. The event raised $5,000 for the Bethesda Hospital Foundation. Winner of the ‘Lite Bites’ award went to Slainte Irish Pub in Boynton Beach.

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Music Building Dedication
St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church, Boynton Beach

The Rev. Martin W. Zlatic leads the groundbreaking for the new music building at St. Joseph’s Episcopal church in Boynton Beach. A Champagne toast and ceremony was held directly after the July 10 dedication.

Photo by Lauren Lorichio

PR Yak Yak
Crane’s BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki Bar, Delray Beach

Jennifer Sullivan and Ann Margo Peart attend the fifth annual PR Yak-Yak held July 21 at Crane’s BeachHouse in Delray Beach. Co-hosted by the Gold Coast PR Council and PRSA-Palm Beach, the event drew more than 80 local marketing, media and public relations professionals and netted about $1,400, which was split evenly by both nonprofit organizations.

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Mayor Koch surprised with commendation

By Steve Plunkett

A surprise addition to the Town Commission’s July agenda made the mayor’s day.

“I’m here this morning not seeking a variance, not seeking an appeal, not seeking an exception,” state Rep. Bill Hager said after commissioners ended a lengthy public hearing on exactly those topics. “I bring only positive greetings from the Florida House of Representatives.”

Hager then read into the record a tribute to Mayor William Koch Jr. he had prepared for the Florida House celebrating the mayor’s being “selflessly dedicated” to the residents of Gulf Stream.

The proclamation noted Koch was appointed commissioner in 1956, elected as mayor in 1966 and will mark his 45th continuous year as the town’s leader later this year.

It also said Koch, 90, was an Air Force pilot-bombardier during World War II, a mosquito commissioner and one of the first paid lifeguards for Delray Beach.

“Well, they had some good-looking girls back then,” Koch recalled of his lifeguard days, adding afterward that besides being paid $75 a month he got to leave school at noon to head for the beach.

The tribute noted Koch was one of the founding members and still a director of Bethesda Memorial Hospital, as well as a business owner, opening his real estate firm in 1956.

Koch, the tribute concluded, has served the community “with integrity, respect, and honor and has proven himself to be a true public servant.”

“Thanks for all your services,” Hager said as he handed Koch the document.

Hager originally planned to surprise the mayor at the June meeting when he updated commissioners on what the House achieved this year. But a family emergency made Koch miss the meeting without enough time to return Hager.

At least one other Florida mayor has served longer than Koch but not continuously. John Land, also 90, became mayor of Apopka in 1949 until a 1968 defeat. In 1970 he was elected again and has stayed in the mayor’s office ever since. In January he celebrated his 59th year as mayor.
WXEL documentary focuses on Women’s Circles

Our own Women’s Circle’s sisters are about to become TV celebrities.
Yes, in living color. Sister Lorraine Ryan and Sister Joan Carusillo, co-founders of the Boynton Beach nonprofit that serves low-income women, are “starring” in a new documentary with imminent WXEL public TV air dates. There are possibilities too for Miami-based WPBT public television and the global Catholic Television Network EWTN.

Women’s Circle — A Spiritual Life of Giving, is succinctly described at the Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission website: “30-minute documentary on Women’s Circle, a group of nuns who provide help to the unemployed, uneducated and often underfed of Boynton Beach.”

The feature kicks off with a compelling look at the host city’s history, and “its new vibrancy after years of dormancy.” Soon it segues to a fascinating interview of the sisters by Father John D’Mello, the distinguished parochial vicar of St. Ann’s Church in West Palm Beach. With him the ladies share their amazing personal and professional stories, such as Sister Lorraine’s 15-year ministry with the poor in India. “We have a very big goal,” she says of her Medical Mission Sisters, “of trying in fact to be the presence of Christ the Healer wherever we are, as well as to bring joy into this world, as Mary did by birthing Jesus.”

The sisters tell of their journey from the duplex shared with the Community Caring Center, to the Women’s Circle’s own 912 SE Fourth St. duplex, thanks largely to farsighted city leaders’ interest-free mortgage. Contrasted with the students gathered around the sole computer in an early computer class is the current roomful of donated computers.

Sister Joan, of the Sisters of Holy Cross, shares success stories such as Haitian-American Marie Desir, who got her start at Women’s Circle, and who despite limited English skills and many trials along the way, is realizing her desire to become a licensed practical nurse, evidenced by her recent scholarship from the Soroptimist Club of Boca Raton. To help impoverished women “help not only themselves and their families, but to raise the level of the community while doing that,” is one of the Women’s Circle’s goals, the Holy Cross sister says.

Filmed in WXEL’s Boynton Beach studios, Women’s Circle — A Spiritual Life of Giving is the kind of local programming of which the station and its viewers would like to see more. It’s also the kind of story that appeals to the Catholic network’s international following, suggesting to others worldwide: “We, too, can do that!”

Masterfully guiding it all is Paul Gionfriddo, a veteran public TV documentary producer who has worked in Hollywood and New York City. His latest project is a musical with students at nearby Toussaint L’Overture High School.

The sisters’ dedication is legend, along with that of the staff and other volunteers. Thus the 2011 Circle of Hope Gala benefit drew 250 to Benvenuto’s Restaurant last February and raised $104,790 for the Women’s Circle.

As volunteers look forward to another season-highlight gala, Feb. 20, 2012, it’s great to see the good work get broader recognition. Seeing the sisters in the bright studio lights will be more than a big treat for the Women’s Circle beneficiaries and fans. It also will introduce the program to an even bigger audience.

Already, a local newscast of the Women’s Circle’s move to its new digs has become a popular YouTube video. Women’s Circle — A Spiritual Life of Giving not only is must-see TV. It’s a fitting tribute to two ladies, and a ton of volunteers, who avoid the spotlight except to champion the women the Women’s Circle serves.

As a pet behaviorist who travels all over North America to help people better understand why dogs and cats do what they do, the conversation invariably turns toward what I refer to as the 3 P’s: pee, poop and puke. Yes, I can arm you with medical and behavior facts and strategies to keep your pet’s body functions humming harmoniously.

But I remain baffled by why some people choose to ignore, overlook and even justify why they do not dutifully bag their dog’s doo-doo on walks. Well, pet poop perpetrators, your days are numbered. In what seems to be a spinoff of those popular CSI TV shows in which forensic investigators nab the bad guy (or gal) thanks to DNA evidence, multi-dwelling developments are also fighting back against those who refuse to bend down and pick up their dog’s “deposits” on walks.

Permit me to introduce you to Jim Simpson, he is president of Bio Pet Vet Labs in Knoxville, Tenn. Until recently, his lab gathered blood work for veterinary clinics and confirmed DNA on dogs for professional breeders. But due to the growing incidents of people’s refusal to scoop the poop, his company has unleashed a thriving new division — called PooPrints (www.pooprints.com) — and established an international dog poop DNA database.

Since every dog has unique DNA, here’s the new scoop on poop. Enforcers now can match the feces with the right Fido. You just have to gather up the doggy DNA. That’s good news for pet-welcoming condo and apartment property managers who have been waging a losing battle with poop piling up on lawns, sidewalks and even apartment property managers. That’s good news for pet-welcoming condo and apartment property managers who have been waging a losing battle with poop piling up on lawns, sidewalks and even many communities are taking action against owners who do not clean up after their dogs. inside elevators.

A pioneer in this poop war is Debbie Logan, property manager at Twin Ponds in Nashua, N.H. A pet lover who brings her dog, Saphia, to work, Logan spent a year seeking a solution to the problem. In August, all residents with dogs at this 450-unit development must pay a one-time fee of $200 to cover the cost of having their dogs’ DNA analyzed and on file. Come Sept., violators of this policy will be subjected to fines of $100 a day up to $1,000.

Brickman, who works as a professional court mediator, said his condo board was running out of viable options. “We were spending $15,000 to $18,000 a year cleaning up dog messes on our sidewalks, lawns and even in hallways, inside elevators and stairwells,” he said. “We considered banning all pets or spending $1 million on surveillance cameras, but then we heard about this doggy DNA program.”

Brickman is bracing for a vocal protest, but says the policy will keep homeowers’ dunes from rising and will stave off a health threat to residents. “We’re not concocting dictators. We don’t want to have to make these types of rules,” he said. “But when you don’t be responsible for your actions, we have to step in.”

In this case, I guess it is far better to step in and take action, than to step in it and be forced to rid your shoes of the mess and smell. Your thoughts? Share them with me by emailing Arden@fourleggedlife.com.
Advocates sue condos

In 2010, Valente won a lawsuit filed against her by the condo association, which was ordered to pay court costs, according to her attorney, Marcy LaHart of Gainesville, who operates a website called www.floridaanimallawyer.com. When The Coastal Star phoned West Lakes’ property management for comment, an office employee said, “Because of the legal ramifications, I’m not allowed to respond. I have no comment.” She then hung up the phone.

“In South Florida in particular, it seems that some condo boards have nothing better to worry about than determining if someone is faking an emotional or mental disability,” says LaHart. “So far, I’ve won every case and my clients have been able to keep their animals in their homes. As lawyers like me are winning cases all over the country, homeowner associations are realizing that they need to be more understanding and accepting of people who have disabilities.”

Attorney Cara Thomas represents condo associations in legal disputes with residents. Under the Florida and federal fair housing acts, Thomas says a person is entitled to an ESA dog to “ameliorate a physical or mental impairment,” provided the need is stated in writing by the individual’s physician.

“The difficulty we have is that we are not physicians and thus, cannot diagnose any owner,” says Thomas. “If they can provide evidence to support that they do suffer from a disability and need that dog, we will work with the owner and the board. But a board will file a lawsuit if it feels it is not a legitimate claim and that the resident is abusing the situation.”

Training not required

Confusion about a dog’s designation is on the rise. And misidentifying ESA dogs as service dogs angers Carol Roquemore, founder of Canine Support Teams, a nonprofit group based in Menifee, Calif., that trains and provides service dogs to people with all kinds of disabilities except blindness.

Roquemore, who was diagnosed with polio as a child, works to match service dogs with people with physical and emotional disabilities. She estimates that it takes about $20,000 and 18 months of intensive training to prepare each service dog.

“These ESA dogs are untrained and some haven’t even had basic obedience training,” says Roquemore. “They are hurting those of us who provide genuine service dogs who perform remarkable things for individuals and help them have a quality of life. Unfortunately, people get confused and think these ESA dogs are service dogs, but there is no policing of these ESA dogs and the law is very loosely written. All someone needs is a prescription from their doctor. Yes, that does upset me very much. Physicians need to be educated and ESA dogs need to be properly trained.”

Under the law, an emotional support animal does not require any training, but also under the law, is not allowed in supermarkets, restaurants, other places of businesses that do not permit pets. Only service dogs are able to accompany owners to businesses and on buses, trains and planes.

Shay Maimoni, a professional dog trainer and owner of Woof Dogs (www.woofdogs.com), who lives in Boca Raton, is happy that people with ESA-designated dogs are enrolling them in his training classes.

“I would like to see a standardized form of training for these types of dogs to make sure these dogs are trained at the highest level,” says Maimoni. “To me, an ESA dog, temperament-wise, must be confident and calm, good with all kinds of people, all kinds of places. I ask them to adapt to different environments. I can tell you that some of these ESA pets are regarded as real treasures by their owners who are coping with some form of emotional disability.”

Dog fights can be expensive

When it comes to being able to live with a beloved pet, money isn’t an obstacle for people like David Shapiro, who lives in the Palmsea condominium in South Palm Beach. Shapiro initially purchased a condo in 1992, when he was a full-time teacher in New York City. When he retired in 2005, he headed to Palmsea to live permanently — with his dog, Lexi. At that time, the HOA rules enforced the no-pet policy and Shapiro said he spent $20,000 in boarding and legal fees to keep his dog.

When Lexi passed away, the loss took an emotional toll on Shapiro. Someone informed him about the fair housing law and he obtained a pet prescription from his physician to adopt Lexi II, a Labrador retriever mix, as an ESA dog who now lives with him.

“I invested about $3,000 in her for training and she has definitely helped me deal with loneliness, sleeplessness and anxiety,” says Shapiro.

Palmsea board member Harvey Brown said his condo still enforces the no-pet policy at the 121-unit property, but recognizes the exceptions in ESA dogs like Lexi II.

“What can we do? We don’t have a choice but to allow these dogs — the law requires us,” says Brown. “I will say that David’s dog is very well-behaved and we don’t have any problems with him or his dog.”

Shapiro was so inspired by the benefits of ESA dogs that he became an activist.

“I am not an activist or an advocate by nature, but this so took hold of me that I was willing to do anything and go anywhere to talk about the benefits of these emotional support animals,” says Shapiro. “At one time, I even became vice president of a group called Citizens for Pets in Condos.

“With Lexi II, I feel much more relaxed and I don’t have those periods of anxiety or depression as I used to have. She really has brought out the best in me.”
The Briny Breezes Town Council and the corporation that owns most of the town took steps during July town budget meetings to ease the tensions between them. The council and the president of Briny Breezes Inc. discussed signing a contract that would guarantee the corporation pays 30 percent of the fire-rescue and police services for the 2012 budget year.

While the corporation traditionally has contributed a similar percentage, the board members withheld $30,000 this year in a dispute over legal fees the town was paying. Later the corporation agreed to pay $10,000.

Corporation board president Mike Gut and park manager Steven Best attended budget hearings and asked for contributions so Gut could better explain the council’s reasoning to his board in the fall. “I want to thank you for being very upfront with regard to sharing your information with us,” Gut told the council at the July 14 budget workshop.

Town residents will again pay a tax rate of $10 per $1,000 of taxable property value, the maximum allowed by state law. The council approved the rate July 28. The council depends on the corporation to supplement town income, since property taxes — the town’s main source of revenue — don’t cover the town’s operating costs.

“We were hoping we could reduce the rate, but I see that it’s nearly impossible,” said Alderman Pete Fingerhut.

The council tentatively agreed on a $691,176 budget for next year, about $13,000 more than this year’s. Property tax revenue is forecast to be up about $9,000 because Briny is one of the few Palm Beach County municipalities that saw its property values increase.

The town will pay Boynton Beach $293,202 next year for fire and rescue service, a 4 percent increase under their contract. Water and sewer charges, also from Boynton Beach, are expected to go up 5 percent.

The town’s contract with neighboring Ocean Ridge for police service will remain at $185,000 for the next two years.

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Briny Breezes Town and board work to ease strain
By Tim O’Meilia

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Boynton Beach

Building’s historical value agreed upon, but future still up in the air
By Ron Hayes

In 1925, the famed society architect Addison Mizner designed a building for the Boynton Beach Woman’s Club, provided the construction cost did not exceed $50,000.

Today, that wouldn’t keep his beautiful landmark open a year.

“The annual operating budget is about $80,000,” says Patti Owens, president of the 102-year-old club. “Last year, our insurance alone was $30,000.”

And while the structure’s historical significance appreciates with each passing year, its market value has dropped from $772,000 in 2008 to $549,000 last year.

Now the state’s Mediterranean Revival building at 1015 S. Federal Highway waits uncertainly the group of dedicated women who love but cannot afford to support it, and a City Commission that must decide if, and how, to adopt it.

In May, Owens approached Mayor Jose Rodriguez with a tentative offer to sell the building to the city. That would be impossible in today’s tight economy, Rodriguez said, but perhaps the club might deed the building to the city while retaining the right to rent it for social events, the club’s sole source of income.

At its July meeting, commissioners got an overview from Jeff Livergood, the city’s director of public works, who had met with club members on May 31.

“We all agree,” the mayor said as the inconclusive meeting of the commission was equally cautious.

First, he said, before agreeing to a deed transfer, the city should spend $15,000 to $25,000 to have a local architect assess the building’s structural integrity, wiring, plumbing and accessibility.

Secondly, with discussions already under way to revive the 1937 high school, the city must investigate how the club’s private rentals might compete with existing city facilities. Livergood praised the club members’ volunteer efforts to rent the building, but said staff believes a private marketing or management firm may be necessary, regardless of who holds the deed.

Finally — and most critically — Livergood voiced serious doubts about the club’s insufficient parking space, which was estimated at about 16 spots.

“For a large-scale building, parking is essential,” he said, and while the nearby senior center might accommodate shared parking, it is across Federal Highway from the club, necessitating installation of a traffic signal costing about $300,000.

“What would be the cost of a pedestrian bridge?” wondered District 1 Commissioner Bill Orlove.

Owens, the club president, had asked that the discussion be tabled and was not present at the meeting. But the mayor, in noting her request, concluded that commissioners should hear the staff report since no action would be taken.

Contacted after the meeting, Owens emphasized that her approach to the city had been only preliminary, and the city had made without a vote by the 103-member club.

Owens didn’t want the city to be spending money until we find out if two-thirds of the membership is on board,” she said.

Regarding parking, she estimated the site has about 25 spaces, and said it had never been a problem.

People park behind each other,” she said.

Owens emphasized that no decisions have been made, all existing rental contracts will be honored and the club is still very much available for weddings, birthday and bar mitzvahs.

Meanwhile, the City Commission was equally cautious.

“We need to be mindful that there is a building of historical significance to our city,” Orlove said as the inconclusive discussion wound down.

“We all agree,” the mayor said. “But to what extent, and to what cost?”

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Along the Coast

Grant focuses on turtle-survival

Sea turtles earned government attention last month, when the county accepted state grants to perform a sea turtle population study in the Lake Worth Lagoon and to publicize the need to deter artificial beach lighting during the spring turtle nesting season.

The Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resource Management will spend $4,810 to print educational materials and erect signs warning the danger of lighting to turtle hatchlings. The glow of urban lights contributed to 68 percent of the instances in which hatchlings became disoriented, according to county officials.

The county also will use a $9,460 grant to hire InWater Research Group of Gainesville to count sea turtles in the Lake Worth Lagoon this summer. The figures will be compared to earlier counts to assess how the turtles are surviving.

Both grants will be administered through the Sea Turtle Conservancy, based in Gainesville, and the grants are paid by proceeds from sea turtle-themed vehicle license plates.

— Tim O’Meilia
Robert Hudson Neff

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — Some men are blessed with long lives, and some are blessed with full lives. Robert Hudson Neff had both.

He was born on Jan. 24, 1916 in Canfield, Ohio, and died here on July 24, at exactly 95 years of age.

In between, Mr. Neff filled his days with personal accomplishments and a devotion to public service that, in later life, became a passionate resolve to see the city’s history honored.

As a boy in Ohio, he was one of Mahoning County’s earliest Eagle Scouts. At Ohio State University in the 1930s, he was president of the freshman class.

At 80, he won the Florida State Shuffleboard Championship. He visited every continent except Antarctica — and hunted elk in Idaho, where he purchased a trout farm in 1967.

Graduating from OSU with a degree in business, Mr. Neff began work as a salesman for the Sheaffer Pen Company, then went on to head five land development corporations in both Ohio and Florida.

On Dec. 21, 1940, he married Maxine Alice Duggan, and shortly after December 7, 1941, joined the U.S. Navy, serving as an officer during World War II.

Mr. Neff first visited Florida in 1921, when he was 5 and his parents drove a Model T Ford to Miami.

In 1974, he came to Delray Beach.

“Maxine and I had been wintering at our apartment in North Miami when the area became too congested,“ he once recalled. “We traveled north along the coast, exploring different locations to find a new home. Once we found Delray — we knew that we had found our new home. We really liked Delray’s small town atmosphere.”

And he came to love its history.

On Oct. 29, 2008, a marker was dedicated on South Ocean Boulevard honoring Sarah Gleason, Belle G. Dimick Reese and Ella M. Dimick Potter, whose 1899 donation of beachfront property is now the city’s municipal beach. Mr. Neff donated the money to purchase that marker.

In March 2009, he paid for a second marker outside the First Presbyterian Church’s Fellowship Hall.

He donated a marker at the renovated 1916 courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach.

In October, two more markers will be dedicated — at Delray’s Cason Cottage and Veterans Park, near the spot where pioneers once crossed the Intracoastal Waterway by barge — at a ceremony also honoring Mr. Neff.

An application for an additional marker at Bethesda Teller.

Mr. Coleman served on numerous boards and committees in both Florida and Rhode Island all of his life, he is survived by his wife, Marion Coleman; two sons, Hank Coleman of Rehoboth Beach, Del., and David Coleman of Barrington, R.I., five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was buried July 29 in Canfield.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE First St., Delray Beach, FL 33444, or Hospice-By-The-Sea, 1351 W. Palmatto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

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William Henry Coleman Jr.

GULF STREAM — William Henry Coleman Jr., 88, of Gulf Stream and Watch Hill, R.I., passed away on July 18. He was born in Providence, R.I., on June 9, 1929, to William Henry Coleman Sr. and Margaret Martin Coleman.

Mr. Coleman was a graduate of Dartmouth College. He joined his father in the real estate business in Providence and expanded W. Henry Coleman Realtors to five locations throughout Rhode Island.

Mr. Coleman was a member of the Agawam Hunt Club in East Providence, Hope Club in Providence, R.I., and the Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill, R.I. Also the Gulf Stream Golf Club, the Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club, The Little Club in Gulf Stream, Fla., and the U.S. Seniors Golf Association.

Mr. Coleman served on numerous boards and committees in both Florida and Rhode Island all of his life, he is survived by his wife, Marion Coleman; two sons, Hank Coleman of Rehoboth Beach, Del., and David Coleman of Barrington, R.I., five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Family services will be private. Lorrie & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Howard E. Hassler

MANALAPAN — Howard E. Hassler, a former president of Allied Stores Corp., died July 7. He was 82 and had been a local resident since 2001.

Born June 9, 1929, in New York City, Mr. Hassler was a graduate of Long Island University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting.

“He worked his way through college on a basketball scholarship,” recalled his wife, Joanne. “He had wanted to be an architect, but they told him it would require too many hours from basketball. He asked, ‘What’s the next hardest thing?’ and they said accounting. He was very good at it.”

Indeed, when Mr. Hassler retired from Allied Stores in 1987, the company was parent to 178 department stores and 48 specialty shops in 28 states, including Jordan Marsh, Brooks Brothers and Bonwit Teller.

Mr. Hassler also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Hassler is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Neff, of Canfield. “And he never lost his sense of wonder.”

In addition to Jennifer Neff, he is survived by Maxine, his wife of 70 years; daughters Holly Broom of Edwardsville, Ill., and Candace Neff of Lantana; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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OBITUARIES

Pirate will head to sea with friends one last time

By Ron Hayes

COUNTY POCKET — The American flag at 12 Surf Road in the county pocket flew at half-staff last month, to mark the passing of a pirate.

Here in the pocket, this cozy warren of beachside bohemia, pirates are granted the same respect as presidents, and 12 Surf Road was not the only yard with a flag in mourning that week.

James W. Guckert died on the Fourth of July, at home, of bladder cancer. He was 69.

“We always joked that in a past life he was a pirate,” says Brad Gallagher, a friend and neighbor since 1984. “He really thought of himself as a pirate.”

Pause in front of the house, “We lived in for nearly 40 years, and you can’t help feeling you’ve met the man.”

Beneath the flagpole, a driftwood sculpture stands by the road where those of less imagination are satisfied with a picket fence. Pirates Only, she sign says, draped in green fishing nets and lobster floats.

J.G.’s Fish Camp. Conch Sound Point, No Name Shoals, Elbow Cay. All over the yard, on trees and fence posts, rustic signs evoke a man who loved the sea, the boats that sail it and the fish beneath it.

On the front door, Welcome, Sail On In.

Around back, beside the sailboat masts on the patio is the ancient pingpong table.

“I used to play pingpong with him all the time,” remembers Jody Carr, a friend of 15 years. “He was definitely into that, and the reason why I got along with him. He was an old salt who loved the ocean, loved the pocket, fished off the beach and drank his beer. He was an odd duck.”

Donna Slebdnik met him in the early ’70s, when he worked as a lifeguard.

“He was a crusty old fisherman,” she said. “He could be cranky at times, and he could be a sweetheart. But if he considered you a friend, he had your back.”

And like all crusty old fishermen, he could be sentimental. Inside the house, on the fireplace mantel, the ashes of his beloved dog, Wesser, have rested for more than 20 years.

Some called him Jim, some Jimmy. To most he simply was, “J.G.” “Buck Dorsal” or “the commodore.”

On his birth certificate, he was James Woodrow Guckert Jr., born Nov. 19, 1941, in Pittsburgh, Pa., raised in Delray Beach.

He ran his family mattress company on Federal Highway, worked as an electrician, married twice, had no children. He left no parents, no spouse, no children. No brothers or sisters, uncles or aunts.

But he left a pocketful of friends.

On Aug. 6, a small group of them will board his 24-foot fishing boat, the Salty Lady, to the Intracoastal, sail east to a depth of 600 feet and scatter his ashes on the ocean he loved, along with those of his dog, Wesser.

By Emily J. Minor

BRINY BREEZES — Mary Wattles, who discovered the magic of Briny Breezes back in 1985 and loved it from that first moment on, died June 20 in the Florida home she so loved. She was 85.

Her daughter, Beth, who lived with her for years in their Briny mobile home, gave her perhaps the ultimate compliment, calling her “one of those fun moms” who could turn everyday doldrums into something happy and memorable.

“She was just a wonderful mother,” she said.

A native of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mrs. Wattles abandoned her love for her home state, spending summers in Michigan with the northern contingent of the Wattles family and winters in Briny Breezes. Beth Wattles said her mother had stayed behind this year, in failing health.

“She died in my arms right here in Briny,” said her daughter.

Clever and creative, Mrs. Wattles was an interior designer who loved art. An avid painter, she was also president of the Briny Hobby Club for many years.

Beth Wattles laughed when she remembered Christmases while growing up. “We’d come home from school one day, and the whole house would be transformed,” she said.

Mrs. Wattles found Briny after her husband died and a son-in-law’s grandfather suggested this special place in Florida. Beth Wattles was living in the Virgin Islands at the time, but mother and daughter wanted some place to live together in the states, Beth Wattles said. It was the perfect move.

Besides her daughter, Beth, survivors include three other daughters, Lucy, who lives in Kentucky, and Kay and Suzie, who live in Michigan. Six grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive her.

A funeral service was held in June at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, but there will be a memorial service this fall or winter when Briny begins to fill up again, Beth said. That date has not been set. But she knows residents and friends will want to remember her mother.

“She was a major beach bum,” Beth said. “She walked to the Intracoastal every day and everybody remembers my mother for her pretty smile. ‘She was a happy gal.’"
August 2011

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Lillic Sillire (bright) helps customers at the third annual ‘garage meets estate sale’ fund raiser on Bauhinia Road in coastal Deerfield Beach. The July 10 event, organized by Sandra Dezelan Axelband, benefited local animal rescue. Photo by Laura Lorincio

Saturday - 8/20 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup, 5-7 p.m. Meet at the Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Military Trail, 6-10 p.m. Free. 279-8883.

Saturday - 8/26 - Island Flair on the Avenue, 8-10 pm. Free. 734-9128 or www.SandSifters.us.

Saturday - 8/26 - Art Film - Speedy Gonzales, $3, free with paid Museum admission: $8 adults, $6 seniors, free for children 12 and under.

Saturday - 8/27 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6900 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Inlet Park, 8-10:30 am. Free. 464-1511.

Saturday - 8/27 - End of Summer Yard Sale is held on the Boynton Beach City Council Grounds, 252 NE Mizner Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton. An evening of exceptional food and wine to benefit the Red Cross Chapter in Boca Raton. 7-9 p.m. $110/person (not including tax & gratuity). 452-5761.

Saturday - 8/27 - Tennis - Women’s National Championship, presented as part of the Music @ Mizner: Legends Series at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 500 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 8 pm. Free. 393-7701.

Saturday - 8/27 - Brazilian singer Rose Mary performs at Art Garage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach, 3:30-6 pm. Admission is $25

Saturday - 8/27 - 1-1 Pianos in the Park, Free. 251-6221. Delray Beach. The Boca Raton Museum of Art’s 1-1 Piano Gallery is held at 1077. An evening of Argentine wine, cuisine and tango is sponsored by Dolce Vita wine.


Sunday - 8/28 - Everything Karate class is held at Veterans Park, 80 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Develop self-confidence, coordination, reflexes and balance. Ages 4-11. Week session runs through 10/5. 3:45-4:50 p.m. $300/resident, $310/non-resident. 245-3710.

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